

HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL
CERBERUS / CARITAS CHRISTI ACQUISITION
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TENNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL BOARD MEMBER

My name is Tony Stankiewicz, a 17 year resident of Andover and a member of the Board of Governors of Holy Family Hospital since 2004. In my capacity as a Board member I serve on the Community Needs Assessment Committee – the group that annually assesses the needs of the local community and the direction that the Hospital should take to address those needs ... and the Joint Conference Committee – the group that is responsible for quality control and patient safety.

I am here tonight, in my capacity as a Board member of the Hospital and resident of Merrimack Valley, to support the sale of Caritas Christi and its affiliated hospitals to Cerberus.

Holy Family is a local institution that has served the community for 60 years. We serve approximately 450,000 individuals and their families in 20 communities throughout Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. We are a fully accredited facility with a gold seal of approval from the Joint Commission and our commitment is to achieving exceptional care – both clinical quality and service excellence ... with a great amount of compassion for the patient and his or her family.

This commitment will be further enhanced by the pending acquisition. A pledge has been made to maintain \$67M in annual community benefit spending that will preserve and enhance programs like cancer care – free annual screenings for skin,

head, neck and prostate cancer and a new skin cancer awareness program at Methuen High ... and diabetes care – quarterly screenings and ongoing support groups and educational programming at the YMCA and support groups at the Hospital.

It is also important to note that current hospital leadership and local board members, those who have a stake in the community, will be maintained so that the needs of the community will remain a priority.

We have an opportunity, with the pending acquisition, to take this important community organization to the next level ... not only for the community, but also for our patients and from a business perspective. The funding from this transaction will bring in new physicians, new technology and improve our facilities. And as a for-profit organization, new tax revenue will be generated from what is already an important resource and economic engine for Merrimack Valley. For me, this is a win-win situation.

Holy Family Hospital is a shining star for our community. This transaction will only make its star shine brighter for all those involved. I urge you to support the acquisition of Caritas Christi and Holy Family Hospital by Cerberus.

Thank you.